

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification at paragraph [0016] as follows:

[0016] In a second embodiment shown in FIGS. 5 and 6, bumper 119 extends from the distal end of lower member 102 and forms a triangular shaped grip. This bumper arrangement causes the fingers of the user to naturally lie on either side of the triangle's apex and away from the cutting edges 113, 114, thereby generally achieving the same biasing away from the cutting surfaces as in FIG. 4. In this alternative, a triangular shaped member 120 with a thumb accepting depression 121 can be provided on the lever 118 (FIG. 5). The cutting surfaces in the FIG. 4-5 embodiment are displaced from the longitudinal axis of top and bottom elongated members 101, 102. As in Figure 4, post 117 extends to a point 117a above the top surface 103 of top elongated member 101. A second post 123 ~~[[122]]~~ is connected to the post 117 by a hinge 122 ~~[[123]]~~. In operation, the lever 118 is depressed, which causes the second post 123 to pivot at the hinge 122 and contact the top member 101 to cause the top member 101 to contact the bottom member 102 and force is thereby applied to the cutting edges 113, 114.